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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: John N. STANIFORTH, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/015,538

Filed: December 13, 2001

For: **A PROCESS FOR PREPARING A DIRECTLY
COMPRESSIBLE SOLID DOSAGE FORM
CONTAINING MICROCRYSTALLINE CELLULOSE**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.16

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 1, 2004

Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-11, 13-15, 18-20 and 32-43 for obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable of claims 1-36 of U.S. Patent No. 6,395,303. This was the only rejection made.

In response, a duly executed Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith. It is respectfully submitted that a submission of this Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the Double Patenting Rejection, and that this case is now allowable.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

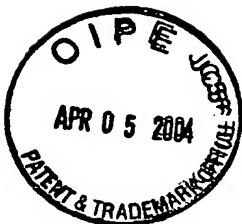
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Transmitted herewith is a **Response** in the above-identified application.

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.

Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.

No fee for additional claims is required.

A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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	AMENDMENT	PAID FOR	EXTRA	
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[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
RATE	FEES	OR	RATE
x \$ 9 \$		x \$ 18 \$	
x \$ 42 \$		x \$ 84 \$	
+ \$140 \$		+ \$280 \$	

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[X] Also transmitted herewith are:

[] Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (in duplicate)

[X] Other: **Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent**

[X] Check(s) in the amount of **\$110.00** is/are attached to cover:

[] Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16

[] Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

[X] Other: **Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent Fee**

[X] The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

[X] Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.

[X] Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

[X] Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

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